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17 January 1964

1. I talked with Bob Fuchs and [REDACTED] about the possibility of moving virtually all of the Office of Finance from the Headquarters building to the 2430 E Street complex. Their attitude was negative, and I told them that I desired an entirely new approach based on the premise that I was not interested in the reasons why they could not move but what they would do to make the best of the situation if they were told they had to move. I asked them to be prepared to discuss this with me again not later than Wednesday, 22 January. I also had a similar discussion with Emmett Echols based on the same assumptions and premise. As of now, it would appear that the Office of Personnel and the Office of Finance are the two most logical Support components to move should we have to move somebody, which looks inevitable.

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2. I talked with [REDACTED] about a cable which was sent to [REDACTED] authorizing the establishment of a [REDACTED] communications center. [REDACTED] explained that, notwithstanding the Director's attitude toward combined communications centers, he felt that he was authorized to do this since it would not cost CIA any more money or people and was definitely in the Agency's interest. I agreed but emphasized that in each case in the future they must obtain my permission if such action would cost CIA more money or people and might not be clearly in CIA's interest.

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3. I talked in vain to [REDACTED] trying to persuade him to withdraw from the DD/P position that they would not take any more JOT's during this fiscal year. I gathered, however, that Mr. Kirkpatrick decided that the JOT ceiling will remain at 215, that the July 1964 class will remain at 75, and that JOT's will be transferred to DD/P rolls after they have finished their formal training.

4. I talked with Emmett Echols somewhat philosophically about the Personnel Advisory Board. I told him that in establishing this Board I had had great hopes that it would become a very important and a very useful mechanism which would be of immeasurable assistance to him in many ways. I said that I was really unable to point to any significant accomplishment of the Board and that, unless he as its Chairman made it an aggressive and useful instrument of personnel policy, I thought it would eventually go out of existence. I said that one of the things I had in mind (and I think that I made this very clear) for the Board to undertake was a large part of those functions which have now been assigned to

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the Training Selection Board. I emphasized to Emmett my strong feeling that unless he takes the leadership, is aggressive, and makes this Board work, he will continue to find the authority and leadership of the Director of Personnel eroded away in the direction of more aggressive but perhaps less qualified people. Emmett was somewhat defensive and felt that since [REDACTED] the DD/P member, had made it clear that he thought the Board was no good, he had really been unable to make it work. (I think that Emmett does not really know what to do with the Personnel Advisory Board and, in short, his heart really is not in it.) I asked him to do some more thinking about my remarks and to discuss the matter with me at some later date.

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5. Late in the afternoon, at the request of J. C. King and Dick Helms and with General Carter's approval, I made preparations to depart for [REDACTED] to assist with the administrative problems growing out of the necessity to evacuate our employees and their dependents from the [REDACTED]. I departed from Andrews Air Force Base at approximately 9 p.m. with [REDACTED].

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7. I talked with [REDACTED] and later with Mr. Kirkpatrick about going ahead with the acquisition of the property [REDACTED] on a forty-year-lease basis. This action was approved, and a message was sent to [REDACTED] to proceed with the acquisition of the property.

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8. I told Emmett Echols to advise [REDACTED] that he would have to be downgraded to about grade GS-13 level and that, if he would agree to this, I would find some place to put him.

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